



2018 REFERRAL TO EPA

LOG: 685

Date: February 13, 2018

City, State: Coos Bay, OR

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**Narrative:** Caller seeking information about available resources/contacts for his situation. Caller reported he rents a home that sits about 0.5 miles from a water fall, which is about 1 mile from forest land managed by the lumber industry. Caller reported his property is permitted to take drinking water directly from the river, while homes further downstream are not allowed to do so because of historic heavy pesticide usage in the downstream area. Caller reported he has been in the home for 2 years and the timber industry began actively managing the upstream forest area 1 year ago. Caller reported he received reports that they applied products with active ingredient glyphosate, imazapyr, triclopyr and several crop oils/surfactants to the land over the past year. Caller believes he and his family are being exposed to the pesticides through drinking and bathing water, as it drains from treated forest land into the river/falls. Caller reported his oldest daughter (17) has developed coldichardia and goes into anaphylactic shock when she contacts cold things, experiences frequent light headedness and blackouts within the past 5 months. Caller reported he (age 54) experiences "gut issues", his hair began falling out 9 months ago, he is frequently nauseated and has diarrhea, and experienced burning sensations on his scalp while in the sun last summer. Caller reported his wife (age 33) and younger daughter (age 14) have also had diarrhea, headaches, fevers, and nausea which began about 5 months ago. Caller reported his wife also saw a dentist October 2017 and was told that 3 of her teeth had abscesses and he feels this is abnormal for someone with their lifestyle. Caller reported he has already spoken to the State Lead Pesticide Agency, Department of Forestry, Fish & Game, and their regular physicians about the issue, but is waiting to hear back from most of his contacts. Discussed NPIC services, including being able to provide health information about the pesticides involved. Discussed resources that may be helpful to him, including the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) and Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings (RMPP). Provided contact information for NSCEP for possible access to a printed version of the RMPP publication. Guided caller to both resources and discussed their potential utility in his situation. Caller reported he will call again if he has additional questions after talking with his other contacts further.